

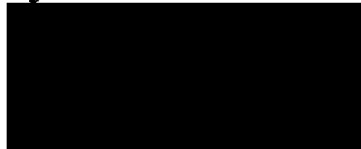
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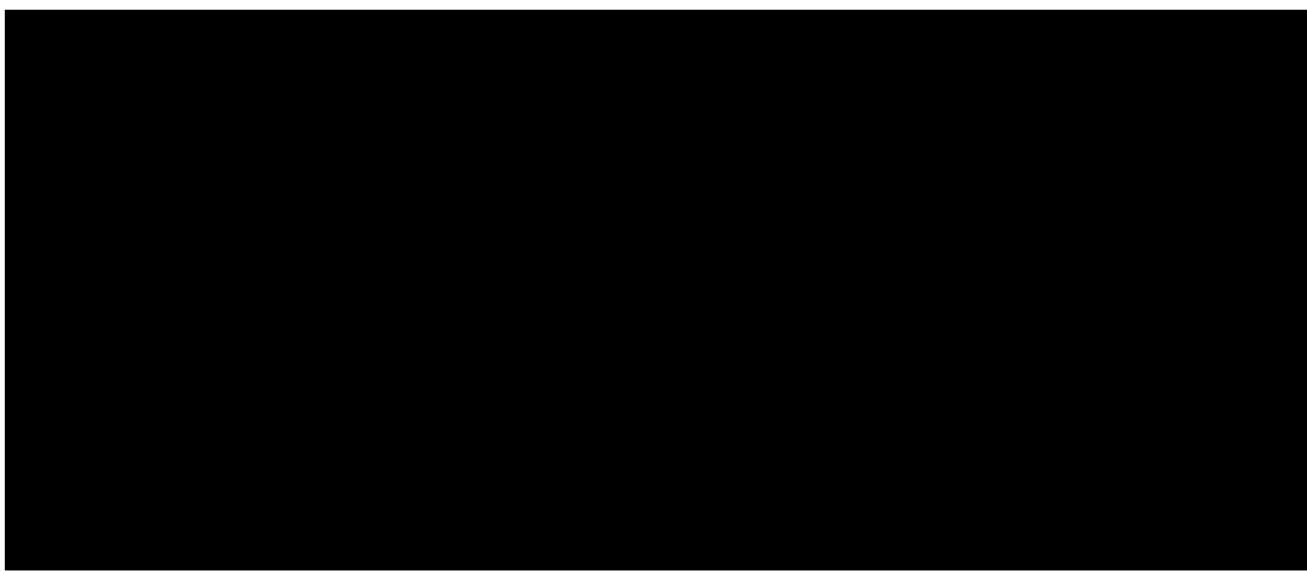
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1. Background

For a generation, CIA planning for a national emergency — survival of its resources and mission — has paralleled that of the executive branch. And so, like national emergency policy, CIA policy has ranged from nonexistent to anachronistic. No guidance has been presented from the federal level since the early 1950's and internal planning was forced to give way in austerity exercises. The role of the DCI and the Agency in an emergency remains undefined to this day.

At the end of May, 1979 an Agency team participated in a Federal Preparedness Agency exercise, REX 79, involving the relocation of leadership under simulated conditions of conventional war in Europe building toward a nuclear exchange. As the NIO for Warning summed up, it was apparent from the beginning that we were playing in the wrong game. This was the first such exercise conducted since 1959. All the facilities and plans were twenty years out of date. In his writeup of the exercise, the NIO also observed that we cannot plan support for the DCI until we know what his responsibilities are and where he might be.

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